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Colorado Trends

Labor force data showed that the State's economy turned in a good performance in October as unemployment dropped to the lowest level in two years while the number of working Coloradans rose substantially. The seasonally adjusted jobless rate fell three-tenths of a percentage point to 6.4 percent. The rate has declined in each of the past seven months and is well below the 7.8 percent recorded in October of last year.

The number of residents without work edged downward by 2,300 over the month to reach 108,500. Unemployment was much higher one year ago when it totaled 132,900.

There was also good news on the employment side for the month as the number of jobholders advanced by nearly 24,000. At 1,574,800, October employment was 11,400 above the level of one year ago.

The statewide jobless rate has fallen 2.7 percentage points during the last seven months. While the sizable drop is very encouraging, further large reductions may become harder to achieve as more people reenter the labor force looking for work and winter weather curtails outside activities in some industries. Also, there could be a slowing of the national and local economies due to business and consumer uncertainty over the stock market plunge in mid-October.

Looking at individual areas around the State, labor force conditions were mixed on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Prominent were short-term unemployment increases in many of the ski-area counties prior to the opening of the winter recreation season. On the other side, sharp jobless decreases were noted in the San Luis Valley where the potato harvest was underway.

Nationally, total civilian employment posted a gain of over 400,000 workers in October bringing the employment level to a record 113.2 million. Both the number of jobless persons, at 7.2 million, and the unemployment rate, at 6.0 percent were about unchanged from the prior month.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Colorado jumped 6,000 to 1,399,800 in October from the 1,393,800 recorded in September. This gain was well above normal for the period and is a positive development for future growth trends in the State. Government led all job gainers with a seasonal increase of 8,100 as state and local education continued their normal two-month buildup at the beginning of the new school year. Unlike the gain in government, however, which was mostly seasonal, the

sectors of mining, manufacturing, trade, finance, and services performed better than seasonally expected during the month. Total wage and salary jobs in the State are not quite up to last year's level of 1,401,800.

Transportation and public utilities was unchanged over the month at 89,400, while agriculture fell 3,800 to 50,400.

Contract construction, which is the weakest industry in the State at present, fell 500 jobs in October to 72,000. This sector is down 5,800 jobs from October 1986 and is still adapting to tax reform, high commercial vacancy rates and excess capacity in the housing market.

Mining which fell 100 jobs before seasonal adjustment is on the mend. Although still facing the fallout from last year's collapse, the industry is starting to show signs of life. The number of drilling rigs operating in the State has risen from a low of 11 last May to 40 currently. Some companies are hiring again in order to prepare for an industry revival as oil prices have stabilized in the high teens after recovering from below $10 a barrel last Spring. No one is talking about another boom just yet, but recruitment is up on college campuses and drilling rig repairmen are in short supply.

Manufacturing employment strengthened in October as jobs in the sector expanded by 300. This is another Colorado industry which is on the recovery path. An area of notable improvement is in electronics. Firms in this field have generally stabilized over the past several months and are now beginning to expand. One positive development is the recent announcement by Houston Satellite Systems Inc., a Houston-based electronics firm, that it is moving its manufacturing facility and about 80 employees to Denver in January. The company manufactures video receivers and positioners for television satellites.

Wholesale and retail trade gained 800 jobs during October. And while finance, insurance and real estate (down 300) and services (down 2,300) both lost jobs over the month, they were stronger than seasonally anticipated.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the **DENVER MSA** fell to 5.9 percent in October, the lowest rate since 5.8 percent was recorded in February 1986. Last month the rate was 6.2 percent while one year ago it stood at 7.2 percent.

After seasonal adjustment, 52,800 Area residents were estimated to be unemployed, 2,300 fewer than the September figure. The number of jobless persons has plunged dramatically since March of this year when 76,000 persons were unemployed. One year ago 65,100 were without work.

Adjusted employment numbers for the month continue to reflect improving labor market conditions. At 843,100, the number of employed residents has jumped 18,600 the past three months. Last month employment stood at 830,100. Although recent employment gains signal a renewal of strength in the local economy, employment growth over the past year is only 6,100.

Total nonfarm jobs in the Region were estimated at 804,900 in October, up 2,400 over the prior month. This data series is now down 800 in the past twelve months. Only the government (up 2,900) and trade (up 300) sectors added jobs in October. Services (down 100) saw fewer job losses than anticipated for this period while other major industry group losses were about normal for the month of October.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	OCT 1987	SEP 1987	JUL 1987	OCT 1986	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands)	1683.3	1661.7	1649.1	1696.3	21.6	34.2	-13.0
Unemployment	108.5	110.8	122.9	132.9	-2.3	-14.4	-24.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.7	7.5	7.8	---	---	---
Employment	1574.8	1550.9	1526.2	1563.4	23.9	48.6	11.4
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1393.0	1387.9	1391.9	1394.7	5.1	1.1	-1.7
Mining	23.8	23.7	24.6	25.5	0.1	-0.8	-1.7
Contract Construction	68.0	68.2	70.2	73.5	-0.2	-2.2	-5.5
Manufacturing	182.3	181.9	182.4	184.1	0.4	-0.1	-1.8
Durable Goods	117.2	117.0	117.5	117.6	0.2	-0.3	-0.4
Nondurable Goods	65.1	64.9	64.9	66.5	0.2	0.2	-1.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	89.1	89.3	89.2	86.1	-0.2	-0.1	3.0
Trade	346.2	345.3	346.9	347.3	2.9	-1.7	-1.1
Wholesale	74.6	74.0	74.3	76.5	0.6	0.3	-1.9
Retail	275.6	271.3	272.6	270.8	3.1	1.0	4.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	97.4	96.7	97.0	97.6	0.7	0.4	-0.2
Services	326.2	324.6	326.5	324.5	1.6	-0.3	1.7
Government	258.0	258.2	255.1	256.1	-0.2	2.9	1.9
Federal	54.0	55.4	53.4	52.7	-1.4	0.6	1.3
State	62.5	62.6	61.0	60.5	-0.1	1.5	2.0
Local	141.5	140.2	140.7	142.9	1.3	0.8	-1.4
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands)	895.9	865.2	875.0	902.1	10.7	20.9	-6.2
Unemployment	52.8	55.1	60.6	65.1	-2.3	-7.8	-12.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	6.2	6.9	7.2	---	---	---
Employment	843.1	810.1	814.4	837.0	33.0	28.7	6.1
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	800.4	798.3	797.6	801.2	2.1	2.8	-0.8
Mining	15.6	15.6	16.1	16.5	0.0	-0.5	-0.9
Contract Construction	39.2	38.7	38.5	42.1	0.5	0.7	-2.9
Manufacturing	93.5	94.0	93.6	95.6	-0.5	-0.1	-2.1
Durable Goods	49.0	50.2	49.9	50.9	-1.2	-0.9	-1.9
Nondurable Goods	44.5	43.8	43.7	44.7	0.7	0.8	-0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	65.1	65.1	64.0	61.1	0.0	1.1	4.0
Trade	203.5	203.5	202.7	203.9	0.0	0.8	-0.4
Wholesale	55.5	55.5	55.2	55.7	0.0	0.3	-0.2
Retail	150.0	150.0	149.5	148.2	0.0	0.5	1.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	64.9	64.6	65.0	64.8	0.3	-0.1	0.1
Services	194.2	192.9	196.3	194.2	1.3	-2.1	0.0
Government	124.4	123.9	121.2	122.1	0.5	3.2	2.3
Federal	32.2	32.1	32.1	31.2	0.1	0.1	1.0
State	26.0	25.9	25.3	25.4	0.1	0.7	0.6
Local	66.2	65.9	63.8	65.5	0.3	2.4	0.7
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	131320	128470	126160	130090	2850	5160	1230
Unemployment	5920	6230	7310	7850	-310	-1390	-1930
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.8	5.8	6.0	---	---	---
Employment	125400	122240	118850	122240	3160	6550	3160
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	178850	176700	176800	178450	1950	1850	400
Unemployment	13510	13520	15200	13630	-10	-1690	-120
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	7.6	8.6	7.6	---	---	---
Employment	165340	163180	161600	164820	2160	3740	520
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	96190	95260	94100	96420	930	1470	-230
Unemployment	5180	5240	5640	6400	-60	-460	-1220
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.5	6.0	6.6	---	---	---
Employment	91010	90020	88460	90020	990	2550	990
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	62930	62310	62530	62950	620	400	-20
Unemployment	4690	4470	4900	5090	220	-210	-400
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.2	7.8	8.1	---	---	---
Employment	58240	57840	57630	57860	400	610	380
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	48680	48110	47080	47840	570	600	840
Unemployment	4300	4070	4670	5600	210	-370	-1300
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.8	8.5	10.2	11.4	---	---	---
Employment	44380	44020	42310	42240	360	2070	2140

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	OCT 2/ 1987	SEP 3/ 1987	OCT 1986	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands) (by Place of Residence)	1692.7	1667.2	1705.0	25500	-12300
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	102.2	100.2	125.2	2000	-23000
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	6.0	7.3	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1590.5	1569.5	1579.8	21000	10700
Nonagricultural 5/	1540.3	1515.2	1528.8	24800	11500
Agricultural	50.4	54.2	51.0	-3800	-800
WAGE & SALARY 6/	1399.8	1393.8	1401.8	6000	-2000
(by Place of Work)					
MINING	23.7	23.8	25.4	-100	-1700
Oil, Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	4.0	4.0	5.0	0	-1000
Oil & Gas Extraction	17.1	17.2	18.2	-100	-1100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	72.0	72.5	77.8	-500	-5800
General Building Contractors	16.6	16.6	19.2	0	-2600
Heavy Construction Contractors	11.0	11.1	11.2	-100	-200
Special Trade Contractors	44.4	44.8	47.4	-400	-3000
MANUFACTURING	184.1	183.8	186.0	300	-1900
Durable Goods	118.0	118.2	118.4	-200	-400
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	6.8	6.6	7.2	100	-400
Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd	8.0	8.1	8.5	-100	-500
Primary & Fabricated Metals	13.2	13.2	12.9	0	300
Machinery, except Electrical	26.6	26.6	25.4	0	1400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	22.2	22.3	22.3	-100	-100
Transportation Equipment	18.2	18.2	18.0	100	300
Nondurable Goods	66.1	65.6	67.6	500	-1500
Food & Kindred Products	23.0	22.8	24.6	200	-1600
Printing & Publishing	23.1	23.0	23.0	100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	67.4	67.4	66.4	0	1000
Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs	46.4	46.6	46.3	-200	100
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	348.7	347.9	347.0	800	1700
Wholesale Trade	74.8	74.7	76.7	100	-1900
Retail Trade	273.9	273.2	271.1	700	3600
General Merchandise Stores	32.3	31.7	30.2	600	2100
Food Stores	41.7	42.2	40.2	-500	1700
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station	28.7	28.5	28.5	200	200
Eating & Drinking Places	103.8	103.9	105.0	-100	-1200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	96.7	97.0	96.9	-300	-200
Banking	21.4	21.5	22.1	-100	-700
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	18.7	18.7	19.3	0	-600
SERVICES	321.5	323.6	319.6	-2100	1700
Hotels & other Lodging	25.6	26.7	25.8	-600	-100
Personal Services	17.3	17.4	16.9	-100	400
Business Services	70.4	70.6	69.9	-200	500
Auto & Misc. Repair Services	15.6	15.7	15.8	-100	-200
Amusements & Recreation	17.9	17.5	17.4	400	500
Health Services	81.3	81.2	79.8	100	1500
Hospitals	34.8	34.7	33.7	100	1100
GOVERNMENT	263.9	255.0	261.9	8100	2000
Federal Government	54.1	54.4	52.8	-300	1300
State Government	66.9	61.3	63.9	4700	2100
Education	46.9	41.1	44.2	4900	1200
Local Government	143.0	140.1	145.2	2700	-1400
Education	78.1	75.0	79.2	3100	-1100
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	OCT 2/ 1987	SEP 3/ 1987	OCT 1986	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	900.9	889.0	906.4	11900	-5500
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	51.1	50.6	63.0	500	-11900
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.7	7.0	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	849.8	838.4	843.4	11400	6400
Nonagricultural 5/	840.9	828.8	834.4	12100	6500
Agricultural	8.9	9.6	9.0	-700	-100
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	804.9	802.5	805.7	2400	-800
MINING	15.6	15.6	16.5	0	-900
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.9	13.9	14.7	0	-800
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	40.4	40.6	43.0	-200	-2600
MANUFACTURING	93.9	94.2	96.1	-300	-2200
Durable Goods	50.3	50.4	51.4	-100	-1100
Transportation Equipment	16.2	16.2	16.2	0	0
Nondurable Goods	43.6	43.8	44.7	-200	-1100
Food & Kindred Products	13.6	13.9	14.6	-300	-1000
Printing & Publishing	13.0	13.0	13.2	0	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	65.2	65.2	61.2	0	4000
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	204.1	203.8	204.4	300	-300
Wholesale Trade	53.3	53.4	55.5	-100	-2200
Retail Trade	150.8	150.4	148.9	400	1900
Eating & Drinking Places	55.7	55.6	55.0	100	700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	64.7	64.9	65.8	-200	-1100
SERVICES	194.2	194.3	194.3	-100	-100
Hotels & Other Lodging	11.3	11.4	12.1	-100	-800
Health Services	46.9	46.9	46.0	0	900
GOVERNMENT	126.8	123.9	124.4	2900	2400
Federal Government	32.2	32.2	31.3	0	900
State Government	27.1	26.2	26.4	900	700
Local Government	67.5	65.5	66.7	2000	800
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	OCT 2/ 1987	SEP 3/ 1987	OCT 1986	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	133.5	130.2	132.1	3300	1400
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	5.7	5.7	7.5	0	-1800
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.4	5.7	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	127.8	124.5	124.6	3300	3200
Nonagricultural 5/	125.7	122.3	122.5	3400	3200
Agricultural	2.1	2.2	2.1	-100	0
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	107.1	105.4	105.2	1700	1900
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.8	3.8	4.3	0	-500
MANUFACTURING	28.5	28.3	28.4	200	100
Durable Goods	23.4	23.2	23.3	200	100
Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.1	5.1	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	-100
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	23.5	23.1	23.3	400	200
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.6	2.7	100	0
Retail Trade	20.8	20.5	20.6	300	200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	3.9	4.0	3.9	-100	0
SERVICES	22.3	22.2	21.1	100	1200
GOVERNMENT	22.6	21.5	21.6	1100	1000
Federal Government	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
State Government	11.0	10.1	10.4	900	600
Local Government	8.9	8.7	8.5	200	400
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	OCTOBER 1987 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	SEPTEMBER 1987 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5702	5342	360	6.3	--	5761	5314	447	7.8
ARCHULETA	2598	2433	165	6.4	--	2569	2419	150	5.8
BACA	2220	2104	116	5.2	--	2230	2146	84	3.8
BENT	2425	2287	138	5.7	--	2380	2293	87	3.7
CHAFFEE	6204	5572	632	10.2	--	6066	5520	546	9.0
CHEYENNE	1042	1024	18	1.7	--	1077	1048	29	2.7
CLEAR CREEK	2718	2468	250	9.2	--	2730	2448	282	10.3
CO. SPGS. MSA	179723	166998	12725	7.1	--	177590	165176	12414	7.0
CONEJOS	2259	2005	254	11.2	--	2393	2035	358	15.0
COSTILLA	970	816	154	15.9	--	1001	814	187	18.7
CROWLEY	1470	1425	45	3.1	--	1483	1415	68	4.6
CUSTER	922	861	61	6.6	--	913	859	54	5.9
DELTA	8404	7770	634	7.5	--	8155	7469	686	8.4
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1034388	977566	56822	5.5	--	1019227	962904	56323	5.5
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	133470	127780	5690	4.3	--	130286	124543	5743	4.4
-DENVER MSA	900918	849786	51132	5.7	--	888941	838361	50580	5.7
---ADAMS	152248	141781	10467	6.9	--	150363	139875	10488	7.0
---ARAPAHOE	211939	201768	10171	4.8	--	209259	199055	10204	4.9
---DENVER	281589	264261	17328	6.2	--	277576	260709	16867	6.1
---DOUGLAS	19092	18239	853	4.5	--	18920	17993	927	4.9
---JEFFERSON	236050	223737	12313	5.2	--	232823	220729	12094	5.2
DOLORES	862	817	45	5.2	--	873	813	60	6.9
EAGLE	11102	10336	766	6.9	--	10821	10263	558	5.2
ELBERT	3627	3322	305	8.4	--	3621	3335	286	7.9
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	87829	83114	4715	5.4	--	86693	82185	4508	5.2
FREMONT	10901	9863	1038	9.5	--	10783	9798	985	9.1
GARFIELD	14126	13191	935	6.6	--	13914	13096	818	5.9
GILPIN	1261	1165	96	7.6	--	1249	1163	86	6.9
GRAND	5461	5189	272	5.0	--	5505	5219	286	5.2
GREELEY MSA	65488	61316	4172	6.4	--	63292	59432	3860	6.1
GUNNISON	5891	5517	374	6.3	--	5629	5269	360	6.4
HINSDALE	388	380	8	2.1	--	379	369	10	2.6
HUERFANO	2428	2206	222	9.1	--	2460	2200	260	10.6
JACKSON	915	880	35	3.8	--	953	887	66	6.9
KIOWA	1112	1047	65	5.8	--	1101	1066	35	3.2
KIT CARSON	4004	3882	122	3.0	--	4055	3925	130	3.2
LAKE	1543	1204	339	22.0	--	1412	1194	218	15.4
LA PLATA	16094	15082	1012	6.3	--	15901	14941	960	6.0
LAS ANIMAS	4465	4057	408	9.1	--	4279	3873	406	9.5
LINCOLN	2171	2122	49	2.3	--	2229	2155	74	3.3
LOGAN	9130	8675	455	5.0	--	9212	8763	449	4.9
MESA	37277	34151	3126	8.4	--	37023	34000	3023	8.2
MINERAL	275	255	20	7.3	--	270	253	17	6.3
MOFFAT	5244	4860	384	7.3	--	5263	4872	391	7.4
MONTEZUMA	8498	7811	687	8.1	--	8464	7755	709	8.4
MONTROSE	10769	9983	786	7.3	--	10745	9911	834	7.8
MORGAN	9374	8793	581	6.2	--	9277	8672	605	6.5
OTERO	8441	7756	685	8.1	--	8555	7927	628	7.3
OURAY	1097	1050	47	4.3	--	1088	1041	47	4.3
PARK	2878	2654	224	7.8	--	2847	2606	241	8.5
PHILLIPS	2393	2298	95	4.0	--	2398	2322	76	3.2
PITKIN	9409	8783	626	6.7	--	9149	8712	437	4.8
PROWERS	6512	6179	333	5.1	--	6483	6139	344	5.3
PUEBLO MSA	48681	44694	3987	8.2	--	47844	44067	3777	7.9
RIO BLANCO	2817	2650	167	5.9	--	2793	2661	132	4.7
RIO GRANDE	5124	4630	494	9.6	--	5420	4660	760	14.0
ROUTT	7415	6757	658	8.9	--	7310	6812	498	6.8
SAGUACHE	1581	1396	185	11.7	--	1694	1416	278	16.4
SAN JUAN	521	470	51	9.8	--	507	466	41	8.1
SAN MIGUEL	2133	1987	146	6.8	--	2099	1965	134	6.4
SEDGWICK	1430	1373	57	4.0	--	1422	1385	37	2.6
SUMMIT	8385	7977	408	4.9	--	8363	8003	360	4.3
TELLER	4853	4457	396	8.2	--	4824	4392	432	9.0
WASHINGTON	2679	2569	110	4.1	--	2728	2611	117	4.3
YUMA	5087	4975	112	2.2	--	5140	5019	121	2.4
STATE TOTAL	1692716	1590544	102172	6.0	--	1669642	1569473	100169	6.0

ESTIMATES MADE IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND ADJUSTED TO CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA. ESTIMATES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

DEPT. OF LAB. & EMP.
LABOR MARKET AND INFORMATION

AVERAGE MONTHLY LABOR FORCE FOR
JAN87-OCT87 -- 12-2-87

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5966	5369	597	10.0
ARCHULETA	2551	2328	223	8.7
BACA	2041	1946	95	4.7
BENT	2335	2190	145	6.2
CHAFFEE	6365	5558	807	12.7
CHEYENNE	1005	960	45	4.5
CLEAR CREEK	2941	2603	338	11.5
CO. SPGS. MSA	180608	164699	15909	8.8
CONEJOS	2419	1926	493	20.4
COSTILLA	1004	776	228	22.7
CROWLEY	1253	1162	91	7.3
CUSTER	903	825	78	8.6
DELTA	8366	7286	1080	12.9
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1028361	954986	73375	7.1
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	130197	122473	7724	5.9
-DENVER MSA	898165	832513	65652	7.3
---ADAMS	152964	138899	14065	9.2
---ARAPAHOE	210427	197667	12760	6.1
---DENVER	281170	258890	22280	7.9
---DOUGLAS	19048	17868	1180	6.2
---JEFFERSON	234556	219189	15367	6.6
DOLORES	860	790	70	8.1
EAGLE	11514	10737	777	6.7
ELBERT	3652	3254	398	10.9
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	86817	80623	6194	7.1
FREMONT	11245	9742	1503	13.4
GARFIELD	14326	13034	1292	9.0
GILPIN	1294	1162	132	10.2
GRAND	5543	5223	320	5.8
GREELEY MSA	64264	58755	5509	8.6
GUNNISON	5704	5287	417	7.3
HINSDALE	387	358	29	7.5
HUERFANO	2546	2122	424	16.7
JACKSON	881	828	53	6.0
KIOWA	1015	965	50	4.9
KIT CARSON	3823	3635	188	4.9
LAKE	1590	1222	368	23.1
LA PLATA	16578	15074	1504	9.1
LAS ANIMAS	4467	3853	614	13.7
LINCOLN	2115	2017	98	4.6
LOGAN	9227	8486	741	8.0
MESA	38205	33735	4470	11.7
MINERAL	294	246	48	16.3
MOFFAT	5472	4797	675	12.3
MONTEZUMA	8833	7575	1258	14.2
MONTROSE	10835	9588	1247	11.5
MORGAN	9275	8339	936	10.1
OTERO	8681	7658	1023	11.8
OURAY	1107	999	108	9.8
PARK	2882	2577	305	10.6
PHILLIPS	2220	2135	85	3.8
PITKIN	9396	8857	539	5.7
PROWERS	6479	5999	480	7.4
PUEBLO MSA	48973	43622	5351	10.9
RIO BLANCO	2853	2606	247	8.7
RIO GRANDE	5296	4463	833	15.7
ROUTT	7783	7020	763	9.8
SAGUACHE	1640	1303	337	20.5
SAN JUAN	580	496	84	14.5
SAN MIGUEL	2184	1946	238	10.9
SEDGWICK	1376	1296	80	5.8
SUMMIT	8850	8399	451	5.1
TELLER	4977	4423	554	11.1
WASHINGTON	2550	2363	187	7.3
YUMA	4716	4526	190	4.0
STATE TOTAL	1689413	1554743	134670	8.0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

DEPT. OF LAB. & EMP
LABOR MKT. INFORMATION

ANNUAL AVERAGE 1986

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5965	5369	596	10.0
ARCHULETA	2620	2337	283	10.8
BACA	2058	1946	112	5.4
BENT	2309	2187	122	5.3
CHAFFEE	6426	5739	687	10.7
CHEYENNE	1034	970	64	6.2
CLEAR CREEK	3014	2724	290	9.6
CO. SPGS. MSA	178784	165687	13097	7.3
CONEJOS	2457	1939	518	21.1
COSTILLA	1041	791	250	24.0
CROWLEY	1101	992	109	9.9
CUSTER	927	837	90	9.7
DELTA	8490	7248	1242	14.6
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1029598	962095	67503	6.6
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	129645	121908	7737	6.0
-DENVER MSA	899953	840187	59766	6.6
---ADAMS	152967	140180	12787	8.4
---ARAPAHOE	211395	199489	11906	5.6
---DENVER	281682	261276	20406	7.2
---DOUGLAS	19091	18033	1058	5.5
---JEFFERSON	234820	221210	13610	5.8
DOLORES	883	811	72	8.2
EAGLE	12467	11620	847	6.8
ELBERT	3617	3304	313	8.7
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	86974	81221	5753	6.6
FREMONT	11297	10044	1253	11.1
GARFIELD	14537	13116	1421	9.8
GILPIN	1287	1170	117	9.1
GRAND	5481	5220	261	4.8
GREELEY MSA	63798	58419	5379	8.4
GUNNISON	5870	5535	335	5.7
HINSDALE	379	363	16	4.2
HUERFANO	2642	2187	455	17.2
JACKSON	885	835	50	5.6
KIOWA	999	969	30	3.0
KIT CARSON	3812	3639	173	4.5
LAKE	1851	1503	348	18.8
LA PLATA	16338	14894	1444	8.8
LAS ANIMAS	4560	3854	706	15.5
LINCOLN	2147	2032	115	5.4
LOGAN	9461	8743	718	7.6
MESA	38813	34167	4646	12.0
MINERAL	293	251	42	14.3
MOFFAT	5536	4821	715	12.9
MONTEZUMA	8883	7671	1212	13.6
MONTROSE	10895	9458	1437	13.2
MORGAN	9442	8358	1084	11.5
OTERO	8812	7943	869	9.9
OURAY	1143	996	147	12.9
PARK	2923	2660	263	9.0
PHILLIPS	2258	2154	104	4.6
PITKIN	9649	9086	563	5.8
PROWERS	6558	6037	521	7.9
PUEBLO MSA	49720	43704	6016	12.1
RIO BLANCO	2951	2724	227	7.7
RIO GRANDE	5473	4782	691	12.6
ROUTT	8056	7397	659	8.2
SAGUACHE	1604	1302	302	18.8
SAN JUAN	663	559	104	15.7
SAN MIGUEL	2285	2097	188	8.2
SEDGWICK	1414	1302	112	7.9
SUMMIT	9188	8773	415	4.5
TELLER	4999	4507	492	9.8
WASHINGTON	2575	2378	197	7.7
YUMA	4761	4536	225	4.7
STATE TOTAL	1694000	1568000	126000	7.4

ESTIMATES MADE IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND ADJUSTED TO THE 1986 CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY.

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 7/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 2/ 1987	SEP 3/ 1987	OCT 1986	OCT 2/ 1987	SEP 3/ 1987	OCT 1986	OCT 2/ 1987	SEP 3/ 1987	OCT 1986
CONSTRUCTION	$470.44	$448.03	$473.29	38.0	35.9	38.3	$12.38	$12.48	$12.36
MANUFACTURING	$396.81	$403.79	$398.00	39.8	39.9	40.0	$9.97	$10.12	$9.95
Durable Goods	$407.22	$410.06	$410.06	40.6	40.4	40.4	$10.03	$10.15	$10.15
Nondurable Goods	$380.38	$395.53	$379.99	38.5	39.2	39.5	$9.88	$10.09	$9.62

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 2/ 1987	SEP 3/ 1987	OCT 1986	OCT 2/ 1987	SEP 3/ 1987	OCT 1986	OCT 2/ 1987	SEP 3/ 1987	OCT 1986
CONSTRUCTION	$506.73	$486.56	$479.52	38.1	36.0	37.0	$13.30	$13.51	$12.96
MANUFACTURING	$433.08	$435.78	$449.55	40.1	40.5	40.5	$10.80	$10.76	$11.10
Durable Goods	$461.44	$466.20	$484.15	41.2	42.0	42.1	$11.20	$11.10	$11.50
Nondurable Goods	$406.64	$408.46	$415.06	39.1	39.2	38.9	$10.40	$10.42	$10.67

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	OCT 1987	SEP 1987	OCT 1986	OCT 1987	SEP 1987	OCT 1986
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	17,273	11,597	16,302	6,372	6,146	6,478
Continued Claims	98,978	106,243	134,270	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	70,337	87,129	113,112	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$12,495,264	$12,897,379	$16,573,766	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$92,863,384	$93,578,647	$92,365,479	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	15,404	14,606	14,600	7,645	7,197	7,888
Nonagricultural Placements	6,016	6,263	6,105	1,961	1,693	2,404
Agricultural Placements	663	1,040	360	236	362	147

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

September 1987 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	119,804	1869.7	1636.1	475.8	392.9	671.6	757.1	246.0
Unemployment	6,652	100.2	92.6	25.9	21.7	56.0	42.2	15.4
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.7	5.0	5.7	5.5	5.5	8.3	5.6	6.2
Employment	113,027	1769.5	1544.1	447.9	371.2	615.6	715.1	230.6

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.

6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on March 1986 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.

7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 900 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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